



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

December 14, 2000

**H.R. 5461  
Shark Finning Prohibition Act**

*As cleared by the Congress on December 7, 2000*

H.R. 5461 would make it unlawful to remove any of the fins of a shark and then discard the carcass of the fish at sea. Persons who violate this prohibition would be liable for a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 per violation. CBO expects that this new penalty would increase federal revenues, but by a negligible amount.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.